



**NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
CONSOLIDATED SYSTEMS, INC.
650 Rosewood Drive, Columbia, South Carolina**

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) announces a 30-day period for citizens to comment on a potential Voluntary Cleanup Contract for the Consolidated Systems, Inc. Site. The contract, **VCC-06-5671-NRP**, will be between Consys(SC)QRS 16-66, Inc. (“the Purchasers”) and DHEC. The contract will allow the Purchasers to purchase the property as a Brownfields site, which may have environmental pollution resulting from past practices. The Purchasers did not create the pollution, but wish to buy the property and voluntarily clean it up for reuse. If this contract is implemented, DHEC will not hold the Purchasers liable under State Superfund laws for pre-existing contamination in exchange for performing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Program. If contamination has spread off of the property, State law will not allow affected parties to file suit against the Purchasers for the past operations; however, legal action may be pursued against any former owners or operators.

The Brownfields site being purchased by the Purchasers consists of 28.527 acres identified by tax map numbers R11201-02-14, R11100-01-01, R08813-02-02, R11201-02-17, R11201-02-18, R08716-01-02, and R11100-01-03. From the late 1950 until the early 1970’s, the property was a privately owned landfill used by the City of Columbia. The landfill existed before there were regulations, so any type of waste collected by the City of Columbia may have been disposed of at the site. Since the 1970’s, the landfill has been a part of a larger 52-acre facility used by Consolidated Systems, Inc., for manufacturing operations.

The Purchasers intend to continue using the property for commercial and industrial use. Due to the potential for environmental pollution from the landfill operations at the site, the Purchasers wish to enter into a contract under DHEC’s Voluntary Cleanup Program. Under the proposed contract, the Purchasers will test samples of soil, groundwater, sediment, and soil gas. Based on the analytical results, the Purchasers will be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment consistent with the intended use of the property. The proposed contract is available at <http://www.scdhec.gov/lwm/html/public.asp>. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

DHEC promotes redevelopment and revitalization of Brownfields sites across the state so that these properties do not become abandoned or unusable. Public comments on proposed Brownfields contracts assist DHEC in balancing the environmental and redevelopment issues to be in the best interest of the state. Any comments or questions may be directed to Jo Cherie Overcash, Project Manager, email overcajc@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 896- 4019, or Craig Dukes, Brownfields Public Information Coordinator, SCDHEC – Bureau of Land and Waste Management, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201; email dukescv@dhec.sc.gov, TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Citizens may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the Consolidated Systems, Inc. Site proposed contract until September 19, 2006.